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ON ARMS EMBARGO

1. SUMMARY: JUNE 26 PRESS GIVES PROMINENT PLAY TO  
COMMENTS BY PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL AND FOREIGN MINISTER  
CAGLAYANGIL ON ARMS EMBARGO. REFERRING TO SECRETARY  
KISSINGER'S ATLANTA SPEECH, CAGLAYANGIL COMMENTED THAT IT  
IS PLEASING THAT SECRETARY TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO CONFIRM  
VIEWS EXPRESSED BY TURKISH GOVERNMENT ON SEVERAL  
OCCASIONS. THRUST OF DEMIREL'S COMMENTS WAS  
THAT U.S. ARMS EMBARGO IS PUNISHING A LOYAL PARTNER OF  
THRITY YEARS' STANDING. END SUMMARY

2. CAGLAYANGIL, IN RESPONDING TO TURKISH NEWS AGENCY  
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CORRESPONDENT'S QUESTION, REFERRED TO POINTS MADE BY

SECRETARY THAT U.S. AND ALLIES HAVE OBLIGATION TO A COMMON  
INTEREST AND NOTED THAT FOR THE U.S. TO TERMINATE MILITARY  
ASSISTANCE OR EVEN SALES TO AN ALLY IS BASICALLY SELF-DEFEATING.  
IT IS OBVIOUS FROM HIS POINTS, CAGLAYANGIL SAID, THAT  
SECRETARY KISSINGER FIRST MADE A GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF  
TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS. SINCE TURKEY DOES NOT BEAR  
THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR UPSETTING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE  
OBLIGATION TO THE COMMON INTEREST, THE SECRETARY'S COMMENTS  
CONCERNING RELATIONS WITH ALLIES ARE NOT VALID FOR TURKEY.  
ACCORDING TO CAGLAYANGIL, SECRETARY'S ANALYSIS WAS THAT IT  
IS THE U.S. THAT IS WEAKENING THE POLITICAL TIES AND  
ENDANGERING THE COLLECTIVE DEFENSE. FOR THIS REASON,  
PRESIDENT FORD HAS STRONGLY OPPOSED CONGRESSIONAL  
SUSPENSION OF MILITARY AID TO TURKEY AND IS NOW WORKING

HARD WITH CONGRESS TO HAVE AID RESTORED. PRESS QUOTES  
CAGLAYANGIL AS SAYING, "THESE ARE BASIC VIEWS WHICH TURKEY  
HAS BEEN PUTTING FORWARD ALL ALONG ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS. IT  
IS PLEASING THAT ON THIS OCCASION THESE VIEWS HAVE BEEN  
CONFIRMED ONCE AGAIN BY DR. KISSINGER."

3. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH VISITING GROUP OF AMERICAN SMALL-TOWN  
NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS, DEMIREL SAID THAT, "THE U.S. WILL NOT  
BE ABLE TO FIND SUCH A FRIEND AGAIN IF SHE ATTEMPTS TO PUNISH  
TURKEY." HE MENTIONED AMICABLE BILATERAL RELATIONS OF PAST  
THIRTY YEARS WHICH HAD ALSO EXTENDED TO JOINT PARTICIPATION IN  
NATO. DEMIREL SPOKE OF THE SERIOUS PROBLEMS BETWEEN TURKEY  
AND GREECE AND SAID THAT BOTH COUNTRIES ARE WILLING TO SOLVE  
THEM. "IF THE U.S. ENTERS THE ARENA AND MAKES A SOLUTION  
IMPOSSIBLE, WHO WILL BENEFIT?", HE ASKED. AN EMBARGO  
MEANS HOSTILITY, HE COMMENTED, NOTING THAT TURKEY HAS NOT  
EVEN BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN F-4 AIRCRAFT FOR WHICH IT HAS PAID.

4. DEMIREL FURTHER POINTED OUT THAT TWELVE HUNDRED TURKISH  
YOUNG MEN DIED IN KOREA FOR A COMMON CAUSE, AND THE  
AMERICAN CONGRESS PRESENTED THEM WITH MEDALS FOR THEIR  
HEROISM. BUT THIRTY YEARS LATER THE U.S. SAYS,  
"I WON'T SELL YOU ARMS. I WON'T GIVE YOU ARMS. I WON'T DELIVER  
THE ARMS FOR WHICH YOU HAVE PAID." BUT SHE GIVES ARMS TO  
YUGOSLAVIA. HOW SHALL WE EXPLAIN THIS?" WHEN ASKED TO  
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FORECAST WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THE ARMS EMBARGO IS NOT LIFTED,  
DEMIREL REPORTEDLY REPLIED, "THE DISCONTINUANCE OF DELIVERY  
MEANS THAT OUR DEFENSE IS WEAKENED. HOW CAN A WEAKENED  
TURKEY FULFILL HER COMMITMENTS IN NATO? IN FACT, THIS  
DECISION IS NOT ONLY WEAKENING TURKEY, BUT NATO AS WELL.  
LOYALTY CANNOT BE PUNISHED. TURKEY HAS BEEN THE USA'S  
HONORABLE, CORRECT AND LOYAL FRIEND."

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